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IN MEMORIAM.

Brig.-Gen. SAMUEL GARLAND, Jr.

WHO FELL AT THE
BATTLE OF BOONSBORO', MARYLAND,
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, A. D. 1862.

[From the Lynchburg Virginian—Editorial.]

The rumor which had previously reached this city of the death of this gentleman, was painfully verified by the arrival of his remains here on Thursday evening. He fell at the head of his Brigade on Sunday morning last, near Boonsboro', Maryland, pierced through the body with a Minié or Belgium ball, and died in about fifteen minutes after receiving his wound. Yesterday his remains were committed to the tomb, after appropriate services at St. Paul's Church; and thus has ended the short but brilliant career of one who bade fair to rise to high eminence both in military life and in civil station.

General GARLAND left home at the beginning of hostilities, as Captain of the "Home Guard;" a company which, under his drill, discipline, and fostering care, had attained an unusual degree of excellence in soldierly arts and bearing. He was not long permitted, however, to remain in that position, for his high merits as an officer soon secured for him a Colonel's commission, and he was placed in command of the 11th Virginia Regiment. As Colonel, his great activity, energy, and general fitness for the position won for him an enviable reputation in the service, and the Regiment became noted for its thorough discipline and efficiency. It bore a conspicuous part in the battle of Drainsville, and by its bravery and firmness aided most signally in saving from entire disaster our overmatched forces on that occasion. At Williamsburg, it was again in the fight, and did nobly. There Colonel GARLAND received a wound whilst in the fearless discharge of his responsible duties, but continued in the fight until it was ended. Soon afterwards he was appointed Brigadier General by the President, and assigned to the command of a Brigade in General D. H. HILL'S Division. He was in the battle of Seven Pines, and, also, in those of a later date which occurred before Richmond—always bearing himself as a soldier and patriot, and winning new laurels on every field.

In the civil walks of life, General GARLAND had given promise of great usefulness and distinction. Though young, he had taken

a most creditable stand at the bar and as a politician. To a mind naturally strong, he had added rich stores of knowledge, and a thorough cultivation and training. His acquirements in the inviting fields of literature, as well as in the drier details of law and philosophy, were of a very high order. Many of his literary addresses and lectures, delivered in this city and elsewhere, will not soon be forgotten by those who heard them. He possessed the gifts and graces of the orator to a rare extent. Fluent, never at a loss for an idea or for the most appropriate language to clothe it in; logical, apt in illustration, courteous in debate, graceful, eloquent, often brilliant, he never failed to win the warm admiration and applause of his hearers. In the private walks and circles of life, he was a most agreeable companion and associate. He was just such a man as adds new charms to society, and casts by his genial influence and rare graces a brighter and softer hue over the changing scenes and shadows of life. How much he will be missed here cannot be fully realized until the great war tragedy has been wound up, and society resumes its wonted calmness and customs,—until the occupation of peaceful pursuits have succeeded the terrible realities of war, and the community begins to turn to those sources of intellectual entertainment and social enjoyment which add so immeasurably to the pleasures of life. Then memory will turn fondly, earnestly back to the lamented dead, and weep anew over the grave of the hero-patriot, and the christian gentleman.

[From the Lynchburg Republican—Communicated.]

It is a painful and necessary consequence of war, that our sensibilities become so enured to public and private grief, we regard such afflictions as the death of Gen. GARLAND with but a small part of the feeling which would mark such a blow in times of peace; viewing it, as we are prone to do, as but an incident in the bloody day which crowned our arms with fresh laurels, the sting of which is swallowed up in the victory.

For a moment let us forget our pride in the success of our arms,

and tearfully recall the memory of our friend. Space will not allow us to give even a sketch of his life, but it will be time well spent to review his character socially, intellectually, and morally—as a citizen and as a soldier. He had received a very polished education—commenced at Randolph Macon, continued at the Military Institute, and concluded at the University—which, coupled with his constant intercourse with the most cultivated society the State afforded, at every point where such society congregated, gave him an easy grace of manner which made him an agreeable companion every-where, and threw around him, while dispensing the hospitalities of his own house, a charm of manner which won upon the heart as entirely as the affluent elegance of that hospitality did upon the senses. In society, whether gay or grave, he was ever welcome and always *well*. He had the rare faculty of mixing in the wildest sport without losing his dignity, and without exercising restraint ever elevating the tone of feeling and the style of enjoyment. He could lead the lightest conversation of a circle of gossipers unconsciously to topics affording thought and improvement, and would, to the delight of all, change the senseless game to the artistic tableau or the classic charade.

Under the magic of his influence, the whole society, of which he was at once the ornament and pride, adopted higher aims and more cultivated tastes; to this object he lent both his time and his purse. Every species of public amusement or instruction, calculated to further it, received his most cordial support, and hence he was always a munificent patron of scientific and literary exhibitions—of the Young Men's Christian Association and of the College. In the latter he delivered gratuitously a series of lectures which, while they served to stamp him as a man of talent, laid the community under obligations by placing at their disposal so valuable a fund of popular information. He possessed most eminently that "*suaviter in modo*" so necessary to the social favorite, without yielding one jot of the "*fortiter in re*," essential to the character of the practical man of business—and his silent influence for good will be felt upon Lynchburg society long after even his brilliant career is forgotten.

Intellectually, Gen. GARLAND had few superiors. He came to the bar young, and though not an enthusiast in his profession he had too much pride not to become a master in whatever he undertook, and hence we find him, in direct opposition to his tastes, faithfully serving that apprenticeship of drudgery essential to ultimate success, and finally, at an early age, rising to the position of a leader of the bar. He made himself an adept in every branch of his profession—a most subtle special pleader—a polished equity draftsman—a skillful conveyancer—an exact and careful man of business, and withal a most lucid and forcible advocate. The writer, a member of the bar, heard him, on behalf of the Commonwealth, in TURNER'S case, win from Judge LEIGH the highest compliment to his ability as an advocate, and we all remember what confidence the same high authority expressed in his skill as an equity draftsman. But although GARLAND had won so eminent a position at the bar, it was in the political arena that his ambition sought distinction. He early showed his predisposition to political life, and as early evinced his talent as a political speaker—soon winning for himself high position with his party—being put forward by them among their ablest speakers, and ever bearing himself as a champion worthy their confidence. By his faithfulness to the interests committed to his charge—his fairness as a politician—and his ability as a speaker, he had so won the confi-

dence of his fellow-citizens, that he had already filled many offices of trust and honor, and had he been spared to us, it would have been our delight to honor him still further.

Gen. GARLAND'S tastes were not military, but from a sense of duty he took an active interest in the revival of our volunteer system upon the attack upon Harper's Ferry, and having been made Captain of the Home Guard, he soon reduced it to the most perfect drill and organization, and, upon the first demand for men upon the breaking out of the war, took it into the field, perhaps the best disciplined and equipped company tendered to the Government. The merit of his company was so striking that the propriety of extending the command of its Captain was obvious, and hence Captain GARLAND was immediately made Colonel of the 11th Virginia Regiment, into which his company had been thrown. His quick eye was the first to observe and to point out to the Government the strategic importance of the junction of the railroads at Manassas, and he was the first stationed at that post, commanding the forces with great credit until he was relieved by General BONHAM only a few days before Gen. BEAUREGARD took command. As Colonel, he served acceptably to the men, usefully to our cause, and honorably to himself, during fourteen months, gallantly leading his regiment at Bull Run, Manassas, Dranesville and Williamsburg. In the latter battle he was severely wounded, but continued his duties upon the field until the day was won, and his services were so valuable and his gallantry so conspicuous that he was promoted to the well-earned rank of Brigadier General, and, in command of Gen. EARLY'S Brigade, took an active part in the battle of Seven Pines, where again his services upon the field elicited the highest praise of his commanding officer. He was afterwards assigned to the command of a very large Brigade of North Carolina troops, whom he led through the thickest of the seven days' fighting around Richmond. With the same men he shared the glory of the second Manassas battle, and, as the van-guard of the army, was the first to cross the Potomac, and, at last, when holding a most important command in the very outset of the day of hard fighting which signalized our defence at Boonsboro', he fell a victim to his own reckless daring and high sense of duty, far in advance of his men, endeavoring to find some better position for them to occupy. Thus, in his twelfth battle, the young hero fell, only thirty-one years of age, but full of honors, and with higher promotion just within his grasp. His last words were very characteristic—nothing said for effect, nothing to be repeated as beautiful or poetical, but with that cool self-possession which never forsook him, as he closed his eyes forever, he said: "I am killed! Send for the senior Colonel, and tell him to take command." This calm recollection of duty, even *in extremis*, was a true type of his character, and furnishes an instance of the moral sublime worthy a place in recorded history. His mangled body was borne from the field by his men, and followed to the grave by thousands of his fellow-citizens, where it now rests beside the wife and only child who, in the inscrutable ways of Providence, were torn from his home soon after his country had called him into service.

The opportunities enjoyed by the writer for knowing General GARLAND were ample, having for years cultivated their mutual friendship by reciprocal good offices; having practised with him at the bar; and finally, though in a different arm of the service, having been much with him in the army. And as time and each new relation of life gave better opportunities for studying his character, new beauties and new excellencies discovered themselves,

until the friendship felt for an agreeable and lively companion, ripened into admiration for the spotless purity of his life, and rose to reverence for the praying soldier, who, with Christian fortitude, meekly bowed to the will of Heaven, and for the self-sacrificing patriot, who, with calm devotion to duty and steady trust in God, laid down his life for his country's good.

Would we had time and space to say more of our friend, and to give a word of comfort to the mother he leaves behind. She has comfort, however, in the knowledge that he has reaped the reward of the just, and died as faithful a follower of the cross as he was a vigilant soldier of his country. So, too, there is comfort in the universal sympathy felt for her loss; a city weeps over the grave of her valued son, and a nation mourns the statesman-soldier whose wisdom in council and whose bravery in battle could ill be spared in this the time of the nation's need. GARLAND will not soon be forgotten. Lynchburg has cause to be proud of him—Virginia claims him as her martyr son; his private virtues are engraved upon the hearts of all who knew him, and point to his life as one worthy of all praise, and as an high example for us to follow; his public acts are a part of the History of his country, and while they wreath his name with glory, demand at once the admiration and the gratitude of "millions to be."

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PROCEEDINGS IN COUNCIL OF CITY OF LYNCHBURG.

At a meeting of the members of the Council of the City of Lynchburg, held on Friday morning, Sept. 19th :

Mr. McDANIEL offered the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, it has been communicated to this Body, that the remains of our townsman, General SAMUEL GARLAND, Jr., who fell at the battle of Boonsboro', have reached this place,

Resolved, That in appreciation of the estimation in which General SAMUEL GARLAND was held as a citizen, friend, and soldier, and in testimony of the affliction of our community, we request of the family of the deceased permission for the City authorities to conduct the funeral ceremonies.

Resolved, That the body be placed in State, in the City Court-House, and remain until 9 o'clock, A. M., to-morrow, the 20th, and that the public offices of the City be closed, and the citizens generally be requested to suspend all business during the funeral ceremonies.

Resolved, That the Mayor, and Messrs. ROBERT EARLY, LORENZO NORVELL, and JOHN H. SEAY are hereby appointed a committee, with full authority to make all suitable arrangements for the services.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

JAS. O. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

At an adjourned meeting of the members of the City Council, held on Friday evening, the 19th of Sept., 1862 :

The Committee, appointed to confer with the friends of the late Gen. GARLAND, reported, that they had waited on the family of the deceased, and ascertained that arrangements had been made for the funeral services and burial of the deceased, this afternoon, at half past three o'clock.

Whereupon, Mr. NORVELL offered the following Preamble and Resolutions, which were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, we are called together this evening, to pay a sad tribute to the memory of a distinguished citizen and soldier, late a member of this Body—distinguished alike for his talents and usefulness as a public servant—his zeal and gallantry as an officer—his faithful attachments as a friend—his exemplary life as a son and husband, and his character as a Christian gentleman : therefore,

Resolved, That the members of this Body, in common with the relatives and friends of our late distinguished fellow-citizen, Brigadier General SAMUEL GARLAND, have heard with the deepest sorrow of his untimely death on the battle field of Boonsboro', Md., where he was nobly battling for the rights of his beloved South.

Resolved, That the members of this Council will attend in a body the funeral of their deceased friend, and that copies of these proceedings be sent to the deeply-afflicted mother and family of the deceased, with assurances of our heart-felt sorrow and warmest sympathy in their crushing affliction.

Resolved, That the citizens of the town be requested to close their houses of business during the funeral services.

On motion, the Council then adjourned.

JAS. O. WILLIAMS, *Clerk*.

PROCEEDINGS IN HUSTINGS COURT FOR THE CITY OF LYNCHBURG.

At the Session of the Court of Hustings for October Term, 1862, the following preamble and resolutions were unanimously adopted :

WHEREAS, This Court, and the members of this bar, have learned with feelings of the utmost sorrow and regret of the death of Brigadier-General SAMUEL GARLAND, Jr., who was killed whilst gloriously fighting against the public enemy near Boonsboro', Maryland, on the 14th day of September last, they do unanimously adopt the following resolutions in honor of his memory.

Resolved, That the death of such a man as General GARLAND, in the prime of life, under any circumstances, would have been a most grievous misfortune to this community, where he was so much beloved and so highly valued, but under the present circumstances of our country's peril we cannot but deplore the loss of so gallant, accomplished and intrepid an officer as a great public calamity.

Resolved, That as a citizen of this community he was deservedly held in the highest estimation, as one of its brightest, most useful and valuable members; as a member of this bar he was able, learned and accomplished, ever exhibiting towards this Court and his brother members that courtesy, propriety and kindness of manner for which he was preëminently distinguished. As an officer "without fear, and without reproach", he not only secured to himself the love and approbation of his subordinates and superiors in command, but, by highly efficient, gallant, and patriotic services, had entitled himself to the gratitude of his country.

Resolved, That the above preamble and resolutions be spread upon the records of this Court, and that a copy thereof be forwarded to the mother of the deceased, and that copies be also furnished for publication in the newspapers of this city.

And thereupon it is ordered that the Court be adjourned.

A copy—Teste.

J. C. DIDLAKE, *Clerk*.

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